

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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REGIONAL DISPARITIES IN EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is regional disparities in the attainment of education and the quality of education is also poor and uneven;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to correct these imbalances;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a)to(d): While due to historical reasons of uneven growth, there are regional disparities in literacy,enrolment and availability of institutions, the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has addressed the disparities i n access, availability and quality at the level of elementary education. During the XIth Plan, efforts for universalizing of secondary education, and establishing 6000 model schools would to a large extent,reduce disparities at that stage of education. In so far as, Higher and Technical Education are concerned, the regional disparities in Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) quality, as well as availability of institutions,would be addressed by establishing new institutions such as setting up of 30 new Central Universities (CU) including one CU in each of the 16 uncovered States, setting up of 8 IITs, 7 IIMs, 5 IISERs, 2 SPAs, 10 NITs, 20 IIITs and incentivising State Governments for establishing 370 new Degree Colleges in Districts with low GER and number of institutions less than 4 per lakh of population.